

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-36 without prejudice.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-36 (canceled)

37. (previously presented) A computing device for providing instructional responses to a user, the computing device comprising:

a processor;

an input device; and

an output device, wherein the processor, in response to a task presented to a user, accepts unstructured input from the user on the input device and determines whether an instructional response should be output.

38. (previously presented) The computing device of claim 37, wherein the unstructured input comprises a print element created by the user on a surface.

39. (previously presented) The computing device of claim 37, further comprising a writing element.

40. (previously presented) The computing device of claim 37, further comprising a stylus having an optical detector, a processor coupled to the optical detector, and a memory unit comprising code for different audio outputs corresponding the print element.

41. (previously presented) The computing device of claim 37, wherein the output device is an audio output device.

42. (previously presented) The computing device of claim 41, wherein the task is audibly presented to the user by the audio output device.

43. (previously presented) The computing device of claim 41, wherein the instructional response is an audio instructional response presented to the user by the audio output device.

44. (previously presented) The computing device of claim 41, wherein the output device is configured to generate an audio output related to a user created print element on a writing surface.

45. (previously presented) The computing device of claim 44, wherein the writing surface has a plurality of substantially invisible codes at a plurality of positions for determining a location of a plurality of different print elements on the surface.

46. (previously presented) The computing device of claim 41, wherein the instructional input is a non-keyboard user input.

47. (previously presented) The computing device of claim 41, wherein the instructional response relates to the task presented to the user.

48. (previously presented) The computing device of claim 41, further comprising a writing device and wherein the processor, input device, output device and writing device are associated with a housing having a pen-like appearance.

49. (previously presented) In a computing device, a method for providing instructional responses to a user, comprising:

presenting a task to a user;

accepting unstructured input from the user by using an input device;

and

in response to the unstructured input, determining whether an instructional response should be output by using an output device, wherein the determination is made by a processor of the computing device.

50. (previously presented) The method of claim 49, wherein the unstructured input comprises a print element created by the user on a surface.

51. (previously presented) The method device of claim 49, wherein the computing device further comprises a writing element.

52. (previously presented) The method of claim 49, wherein the computing device further comprises a stylus having an optical detector, a processor coupled to the optical detector, and a memory unit comprising code for different audio outputs corresponding the print element.

53. (previously presented) The method of claim 49, wherein the output device is an audio output device.

54. (previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein the task is audibly presented to the user by the audio output device.

55. (previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein the instructional response is an audio instructional response presented to the user by the audio output device.

56. (previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein the output device is configured to generate an audio output related to a user created print element on a writing surface.

57. (previously presented) The method of claim 56, wherein the writing surface has a plurality of substantially invisible codes at a plurality of positions for determining a location of a plurality of different print elements on the surface.

58. (previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein the instructional input is a non-keyboard user input.

59. (previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein the instructional response relates to the task presented to the user.

60. (previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein the computing device is a writing device and wherein the processor, input device, output

device and writing device are associated with a housing having a pen-like appearance.

61. (previously presented) A computer readable media for implementing a method for providing instructional responses to a user, the media having computer readable code which when executed by a processor of a computing device cause the computing device to perform a method, comprising:

presenting a task to a user;

accepting unstructured input from the user by using an input device;

and

in response to the unstructured input, determining whether an instructional response should be output by using an output device, wherein the determination is made by a processor of the computing device.

62. (previously presented) The computer readable media of claim 61, wherein the unstructured input comprises a print element created by the user on a surface.

63. (previously presented) The computer readable media of claim 61, wherein the computing device further comprises a writing element.

64. (previously presented) The method of claim 61, wherein the computing device further comprises a stylus having an optical detector, a processor coupled to the optical detector, and a memory unit comprising code for different audio outputs corresponding the print element.

65. (previously presented) The computer readable media of claim 61, wherein the output device is an audio output device.

66. (previously presented) The computer readable media of claim 65, wherein the task is audibly presented to the user by the audio output device.

67. (previously presented) The computer readable media of claim 65, wherein the instructional response is an audio instructional response presented to the user by the audio output device.

68. (previously presented) The computer readable media of claim 65, wherein the output device is configured to generate an audio output related to a user created print element on a writing surface.

69. (previously presented) The computer readable media of claim 68, wherein the writing surface has a plurality of substantially invisible codes at

a plurality of positions for determining a location of a plurality of different print elements on the surface.

70. (previously presented) The computer readable media of claim 65, wherein the instructional input is a non-keyboard user input.

71. (previously presented) The computer readable media of claim 65, wherein the instructional response relates to the task presented to the user.

72. (previously presented) The computer readable media of claim 65, wherein the computing device is a writing device and wherein the processor, input device, output device and writing device are associated with a housing having a pen-like appearance.